

STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER
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RE: Notice of Inquiry on the Effects of Foreign Mobile Termination Rates on U.S. Customers, IB Docket No. 04-398

Increasingly U.S. consumers are facing very high and often unexpected charges when they place international calls to people using mobile phones. In some cases these rates appear to be well above cost. So the FCC has the responsibility to investigate these charges and to determine if we should take action. I hope that this NOI will give us the data we need to understand if and how we should respond.

I also want to note that a group of our peer regulators have undertaken proceedings to study these rates. I hope that we can benefit from the data that they have collected and that we will make every effort to understand better how their domestic mobile regulatory systems would be affected by our decisions.